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SUBJECT: AUGUST IMPORTS AND TRADE BALANCE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL FIGURES INDICATE CANADA'S GLOBAL TRADE SURPLUS FOR AUGUST 1973 WAS C\$47.0 MILLION COMPARED WITH C\$73.6MILLION FOR SAME MONTH IN 1972. IN AUGUST TRADE WITH U.S., CANADA RAN DEFICIT OF C\$62.2 MILLION. GLOBAL IMPORTS FOR AUGUST WERE UP 19.7 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS AUGUST AND AMOUNTED TO C\$1,729.0 MILLION. IMPORTS FROM U.S. WERE UP 20.2 PERCENT AND AMOUNTED TO C\$1,153.7 MILLION. IMPORTS FROM EEC (EXCLUSIVE OF NEW MEMBERS) WERE UP 12.1 PERCENT AND FROM UK UP 45.4 PERCENT. IMPORTS FROM JAPAN WERE OFF 9.6 PERCENT. END SUMMARY.

1. AMONG COMMODITIES ACCOUNTING FOR AUGUST IMPORT RISE WERE FROM UNITED STATES: AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS AND PARTS (UP C\$69.5 MILLION OVER AUGUST 1972), INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY (UP C\$18.6 MILLION), FOOD (UP C\$13.4 MILLION), AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (UP C\$12.2 MILLION); AND FROM OVERSEAS: CRUDE PETROLEUM, UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOD, METAL ORES AND CONCENTRATES, INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND

FABRICATED STEEL PRODUCTS ACCOUNTED FOR 40 PERCENT OF IMPORTS  
AND TWO-THIRDS OF IMPORT INCREASE.

2. FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1973, CANADA'S GLOBAL TRADE SURPLUS  
WAS C\$924.5 MILLION COMPARED WITH C\$621.4 MILLION FOR SAME  
PERIOD IN 1972. SURPLUS FROM TRADE WITH U.S. WAS C\$409.8  
MILLION COMPARED WITH C\$622.0 MILLION FOR JANUARY-AUGUST  
1972.

3. GLOBAL IMPORTS FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS, UP 23.3 PERCENT,  
TOTALLED C\$14,927.5 MILLION. IMPORTS FROM UNITED STATES,  
UP 26.9 PERCENT, TOTALLED C\$10,556.6 MILLION. U.S. SHARE OF  
TOTAL IMPORTS STOOD AT 70.7 PERCENT. JANUARY-AUGUST IMPORTS  
FROM EEC (EXCLUSIVE OF NEW MEMBERS) WERE UP 20.6 PERCENT AND  
FROM UK UP 9.7 PERCENT. THEY WERE OFF FROM JAPAN BY 3.0 PERCENT  
OVER SAME 1972 PERIOD.  
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